

(3) Duty of the Commission. The Commission shall issue a certificate to such carrier authorizing the regular route operations and the irregular route operations for which application is made, as provided in this Section, but only to the extent that the Commission finds from the application that the operations of such carrier were reasonably frequent and continuous throughout the period covered by the report of operations filed with and made a part of the application, and to that end the application so filed shall be received in evidence by the Commission; *provided, however*, the Commission may require such supporting or additional evidence as it may desire as to the verity of the facts stated in the application; *provided, further*, that the Commission may deny such certificate upon a finding from competent evidence that the applicant is unfit, or otherwise disqualified, to perform the service for which application is made. In the event no protest is filed within such time as may be prescribed by the rules of the Commission, the necessary findings may be made and certificate issued without a hearing.

Issuance of certificate; duty of Commission.

Application as evidence.

Supporting evidence.

Power of Commission to deny certificate.

Issuance without hearing, if no protest.

SEC. 8. Issuance of Permits to qualified Contract Carriers Operating on and Continuously since January 1st, 1947.

Issuance of permits to certain contract carriers.

(1) That subject to Section 16, if any carrier or predecessor in interest was in bona fide operation as a contract carrier by motor vehicle on January 1st, 1947, over the route or routes, or within the territory for which application is made under this Section, and has so operated since that time, or, if engaged in furnishing seasonal service, only, was in bona fide operation on January 1st, 1947, during the season ordinarily covered by its operations, except in either instance as to interruptions of service over which the applicant or its predecessor in interest had no control, the Commission shall issue a permit to such carrier, if such carrier qualifies itself in the following manner.

Eligibility operations.

(2) Duty of Carrier. This Section shall not apply to a carrier unless the carrier on or before the effective date of this Act files with the Commission on forms furnished by it an application under oath for a permit under this Section, giving such information and in such detail as the Commission may require, including the following:

Application by carrier for permit.

Contents of application.

(a) The full name and address of each person owning an interest in the transportation business of the carrier.

(b) The number of consignors served as a contract carrier during the month of January, 1947, and the points of origin and points of destination from and to which the carrier operated during said month.